

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are now pending in the application. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The examiner has indicated that positive recitation of a "computer-readable medium" would remove the rejection. Accordingly, claims 7-9 have been amended to recite that the program is stored in a computer-readable medium.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 1 - 6 and 10 - 12 are allowed, and that claims 7-9 would be allowable if the §101 rejection is obviated. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and

favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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